Interagency Crisis-Action Planning Process

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Crisis-Action Coordination – USACE Interface

Federal Response Organization

National Response Coordination Center

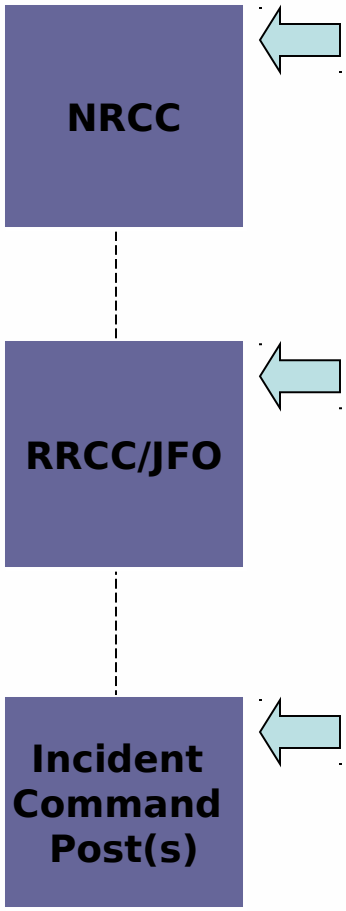
- National focus – supports JFOs as necessary
- Forum for intel and information, and coordinating national strategic decision-making to address broader national threat and/or impacts

Regional Response Coordination Center/ Joint Field Office

- Regional focus – supports state and local response efforts as needed
- Provides resource support to ICPs
- Aids in the resolution of policy conflicts
- Prioritizes resources between incidents
- Coordinates interagency efforts to address broader regional impacts

Incident Command Post

- Focused on incident site – directs response at state and local levels
- Directs on-scene emergency management
- Has tactical control of on-scene operations



USACE Organization

Chief of Engineers

- USACE LNO at NRCC (ESF#3)
- Coordinates overall USACE support to the incident
- Coordinates USACE efforts to address national threat or impacts (IAW NRF)

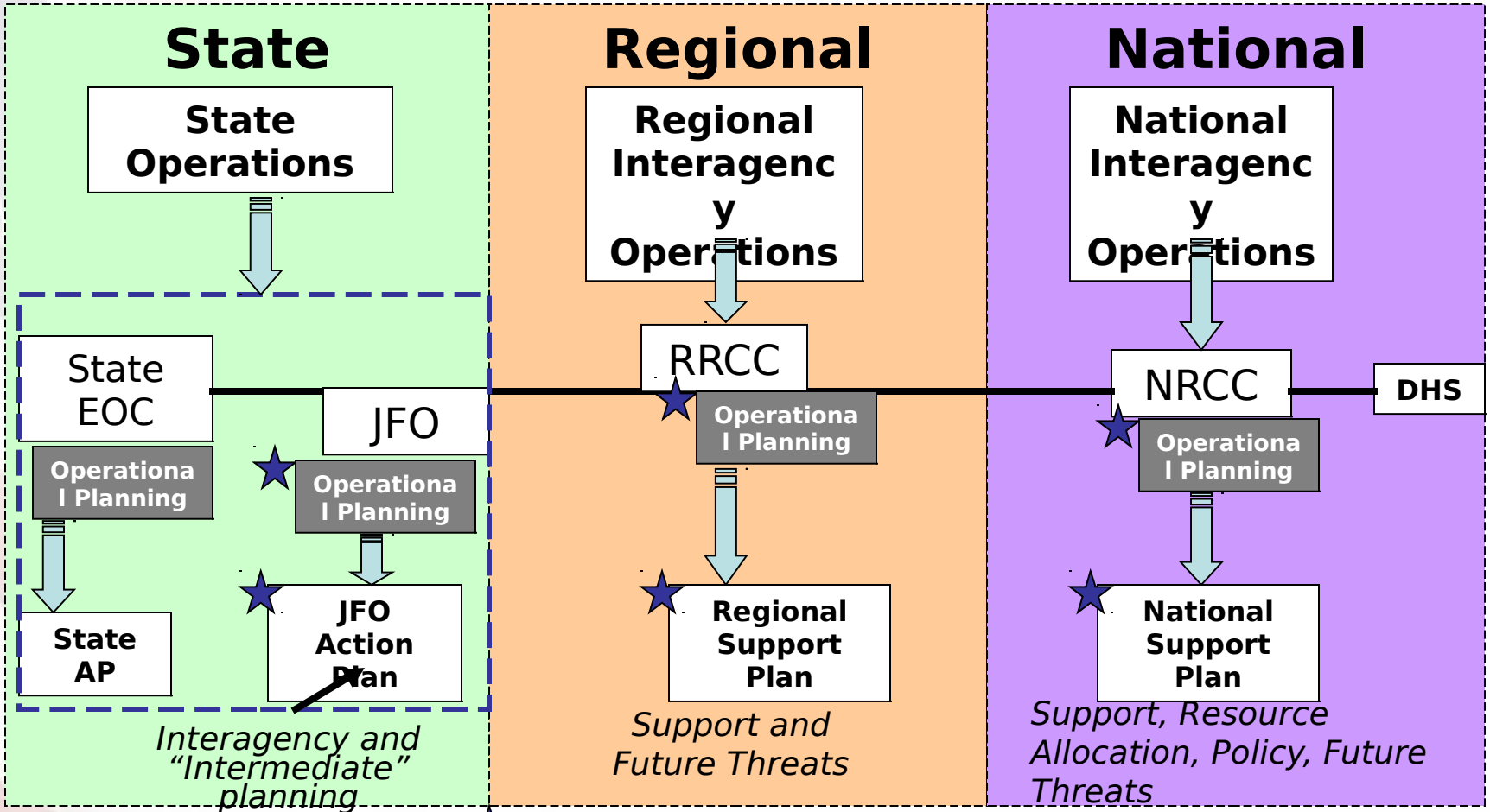
Division Commander

- Participates in JFO Coordination Group when appropriate
- Coordinates broader USACE support to the incident (ESF#3)
- Coordinates USACE efforts to address regional threat or impacts (IAW NRF)

District Commander

- Participates in Unified Command (IAW ICS/NIMS)

Interagency Crisis-Action Planning Levels



★ = Gap or Issue

Interagency Crisis-Action Planning Process End-State

Desired end-state:

- Established crisis-action planning process to ensure integration of interagency partners
- Standardized interagency process at federal levels that supports state and local processes
- Aligned with NIMS/ICS concepts as primary doctrine for crisis-action responses
- Improved organizational effectiveness by facilitating communication between Planning Section Chiefs at all levels

Interagency Crisis-Action Planning Process

Step 1: Designate a "Planning Meeting" at all levels of response

- Purpose:
  - Addresses planning and coordination of issues to support response and recovery efforts
  - Provides opportunity for interagency input
  - Identifies current and future planning needs

- Lead: Planning Section Chief (PSC)

- Participants:
  - PSC – Ops Section rep – Log Section rep
  - Selected ESFs – Op Planners (FEMA/Interagency)
  - MA rep – Others as needed

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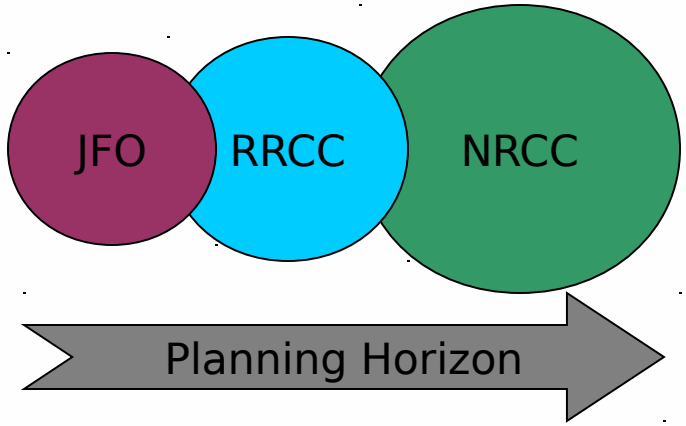
Step 1: Designate a "Planning Meeting" at all levels of response

- Schedule: Once per operational period (i.e., typically 24 hours)
  - Morning timeframe (pre-VTC) facilitates planning alignment and allows VTC to be focused on key issues
  - Agenda based on senior leader objectives/concerns for the incident
  - Directly in support of RRCC and JFO (who are supporting State/locals)
  - Allows PSCs to coordinate planning efforts in support of each other
  - Held as teleconference and/or in-person meeting

- Planning Focus:
  - NRCC = 96+ hrs out
  - RRCC = 48 hrs out
  - JFO = 24 hrs out



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Step 2: Identify crisis-action *operational planning products*

Level	Daily Inputs	Daily Outputs
NRCC	• JFO Incident Action Plan (IAP) • JFO Situational Reports (SITREP) • Regional Reports • ESF input	• NRCC EXSUM • DHS briefing slides • NRCC Incident Coordination Plan (ICP) • Incident Dashboard • Incident Running Estimate
RRCC	• JFO IAP • ESF Input	• Regional Reports
JFO	• State/local requirements (e.g., State IAP) • ESF input	• JFO SITREP • JFO IAP

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Step 3: Define an "Interagency Operational Planner" (focused on crisis-action needs)

- Expected responsibilities:
  - TBD

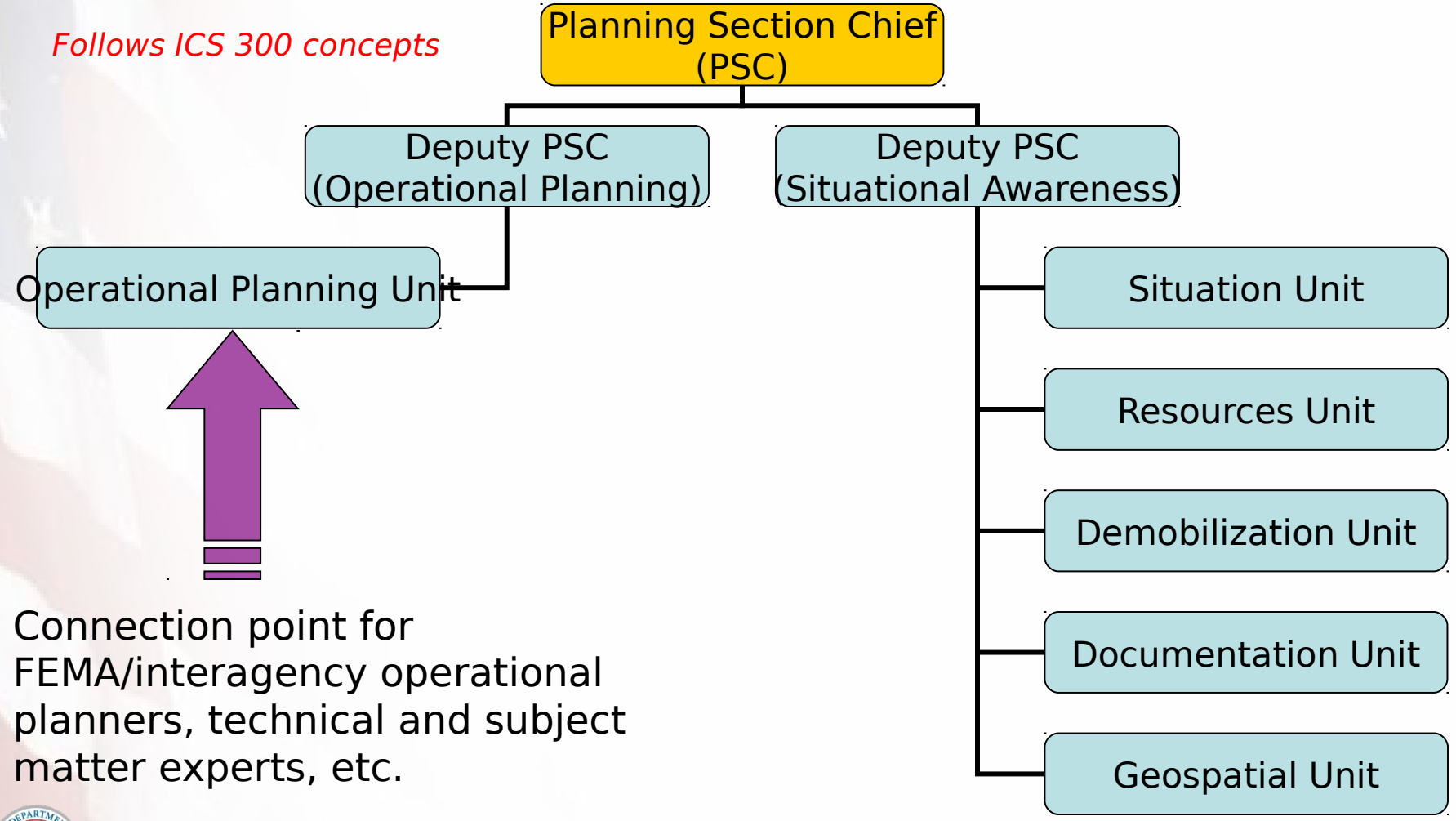
  Recommend working group to develop concepts
- Targeted KSAs:
  - TBD

  Recommend working group to develop concepts
- Agency planner vs. representative (SME):
  - When is a "professional" planner necessary?
  - What level of authority do they need to have?

  Recommend working group to develop concepts

Planning Section Organization

Follows ICS 300 concepts



Connection point for FEMA/interagency operational planners, technical and subject matter experts, etc.

Interagency Planning Work Group Recommendations

- **Improve/Enhance Emergency Support Function Leaders Group (ESFLG)**
  - Embrace interagency agenda
  - Create specific sub/working groups (e.g., Operational Planning)
- **Improve the connections between the ESLFG and RISC**
  - *Ongoing effort*

- **Develop/Publish Interagency Planning Doctrine and Policy**
  - *Ongoing effort to draft CPG 100 series*
- **Implement process for Interagency Deliberate Planning**
  - *Ongoing effort to finalize IPS will be a foundational step*
- **Implement process for Interagency Crisis-Action Planning**
  - *Goal to exercise the outlined process during upcoming exercises*

Questions?